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SUBJECT: VORSTER-MONDALE MEETING

1. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK A MEETING WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER MWALE PRIOR TO MIDDAY TUESDAY (WASHINGTON TIME)
TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HIM FROM SECRETARY
VANCE. IF FOR SOME REASON, HE CANNOT MEET WITH YOU, YOU
SHOULD ARRANGE TO DELIVER THE LETTER TO THE HIGHEST
APPROPRIATE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL FOR HIS IMMEDIATE
TRANSMISSION TO MWALE.

2. QUOTE. HIS EXCELLENCY
MR. SITEKE GIBSON MWALE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA
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DEAR MR. MINISTER:

WE HAVE LEARNED WITH DEEP REGRET THAT THE PRESS OF GOVERN-
MENTAL ACTIVITIES AND THE UNFOLDING EVENTS OF SOUTHERN
AFRICA HAVE NECESSITATED A POSTPONEMENT OF PRESIDENT
KAUNDA'S PLANNED VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. WE HAD

EAGERLY LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING WITH HIM AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO STAY IN CLOSE CONTACT. I AM WRITING

TODAY TO TELL YOU OF A FORTHCOMING MEETING WHICH WILL DEAL WITH IMPORTANT MATTERS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

IN RESPONSE TO INDICATIONS FROM PRIME MINISTER VORSTER THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE WIDE RANGE OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES WITH US, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS DECIDED TO ASK THE VICE PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH VORSTER DURING MR. MONDALE'S FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN TRIP. THEY WILL MEET IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA ON MAY 19. THE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS VISIT ON TUESDAY, MAY 3.

THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MR. VORSTER WILL ENGAGE IN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND IDEAS, RATHER THAN IN SPECIFIC OR DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS. MR. MONDALE WILL EXPRESS THE COMMITMENT OF MY GOVERNMENT TO THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND, IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS, THE NECESSITY FOR SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE CLEAR TO MR. VORSTER OUR SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AND THE PROGRESSIVE TRANSFORMATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY. HE WILL NOTE OUR SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN'S CURRENT INITIATIVE TO RESUME SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT AND FOR CURRENT

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EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385.

VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL EMPHASIZE TO MR. VORSTER THAT WHILE WE VIEW THE ROLE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AS CRUCIAL IN THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTIONS OF THE NAMIBIAN AND RHODESIAN SITUATIONS, THE UNITED STATES CANNOT IGNORE THE PRESSING NEED FOR RAPID CHANGE WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF. OUR PRINCIPLES DEMAND SUCH CHANGE. ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT A PROGRESSIVE TRANSFORMATION OF THAT SOCIETY IN THE DIRECTION OF FULL POLITICAL RIGHTS AND AN END TO APARTHEID BEGIN NOW.

I BELIEVE THAT THE MESSAGE THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL CONVEY TO PRIME MINISTER VORSTER WILL SUPPORT OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE PEACEFUL EVOLUTION OF ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TO AN AREA OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE.

AT THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE, AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL BE ABLE
TO GIVE YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVES MORE DETAILS ON THE
TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER.

I WANTED YOU TO HAVE THE FULL BENEFIT OF OUR THINKING
AND I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOU TO RESPECT ITS SENSITIVITY.

SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE. UNQTE.

3. FYI. SIMILAR LETTERS ARE BEING DELIVERED TO THE
FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FOUR FRONTLINE STATES AND
NIGERIA. OTHER AFRICAN HEADS OF STATES, THE FOUR
LEADING ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS, AND SWAPO PRESIDENT
NUJOMA WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE MONDALE-VORSTER
MEETING.

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